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SUBJECT: WEEKLY STATUS REPORT - PHILIPPINES

TO: EA - MR. HOLBROOKE

FROM: EA/PHL - JAMES SARTORIUS

### 1. BASE NEGOTIATIONS (SECRET)

A STATE/DEFENSE/NSC TASK FORCE WITH OMB, TREASURY AND AID PARTICIPATION CONCLUDED WORK THIS WEEK ON ITS RECOMMENDATIONS REGARDING POSSIBLE COMPENSATION PACKAGES FOR USE IN THE BASE NEGOTIATIONS. IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAIRMAN OF THE POLICY REVIEW COMMITTEE ON PRM 14, THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WILL FORWARD THE GROUP'S ANALYSIS AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE ASSISTANT TO THE PRESIDENT FOR NATIONAL SECURITY AF-

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FAIRS. EA WILL POUCH A COPY TO EMBASSY MANILA.

THE PHILIPPINE WORKING GROUP CHAIRED BY STATE IS BEGINNING ITS REVIEW OF NEW APPROACHES TO THE BASES ISSUE, WHICH WILL INCORPORATE THE INTER-RELATED QUESTIONS OF COMPENSATION AND US OBLIGATIONS UNDER THE 1951 MUTUAL DEFENSE TREATY WITH AN EXAMINATION OF SCENARIOS FOR FUTURE US-PHILIPPINE DIS-

CUSSIONS ON THE 1947 MILITARY BASES AGREEMENT.

2. NEXT STEP IN ECONOMIC TREATY "PRE-NEGOTIATIONS"  
(CONFIDENTIAL)

WE ARE IN THE PROCESS OF RESPONDING TO AMBASSADOR VEGA'S AUGUST 1 REQUEST THAT THE US PROVIDE A NEW HYPOTHETICAL GSP WAIVER DRAFT IN RETURN FOR THE GOP'S DRAFT ON INVESTMENT. STR HAS DEVELOPED A NEW GSP WAIVER TEXT WHICH IS NOT EXPECTED TO RAISE INTER-AGENCY CLEARANCE PROBLEMS. THE TEXT MERELY INCORPORATES LANGUAGE FROM PORTIONS OF LAST YEAR'S PHILIPPINE DRAFT THAT SUBSTANTIVELY CORRESPONDS TO OUR ORIGINAL PROPOSAL. WE REMAIN PESSIMISTIC THAT MANILA'S INVESTMENT PROPOSAL WILL PROVE NEGOTIABLE, BUT BELIEVE THAT FOR TACTICAL AND OTHER CONSIDERATIONS A PROCESS OF TESTING BE UNDERTAKEN BEFORE MAKING ANY FINAL DETERMINATION ON PROSPECTS FOR A NEW TREATY.

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